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BOARD OF REGENTS

Carnahan proposal could cause tuition hike

State needs \$400 million to fund foundation formula

By JOHN HACKER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Students at Missouri Southern may be facing another tuition increase this summer if Gov. Mel Carnahan's education tax package is adopted by the Missouri Legislature.

College President Julio Leon told the Board of Regents yesterday

that Carnahan's \$400 million proposal to fund the embattled elementary and secondary education foundation formula includes \$50 million in budget cuts. Those cuts include axing the \$17 million increase for higher education.

"This leaves us facing the possibility of no increase in funding and even possibly cuts in our budget," Leon said.

This means many of the plans approved by the Board for next fiscal year will need to be reworked.

"It's fair to assume that we are going to have to go back and play with the whole budget," said Frank Dunaway, Regents president.

Leon said the chances of another tuition increase are good.

"We reserved the right to come back to the board [if something like

this happened]," Leon said. "We are not in a position to do that yet, however."

Leon said the state is under a court mandate to fix the foundation formula.

"The question at this point is whether to impose a tax or cut the budget," he said.

Other business the Board approved two faculty appointments. Robert Green was approved as assistant football coach and Dr. Steven Comstock was approved as

assistant professor of business.

A long list of promotions was approved by the Board.

Four people were promoted from instructor to assistant professor. These include: Gaye Pate, library; Robert Black, library; Nancy Loomer, Career Planning and Placement; and Ann Allman, counseling.

Six people were promoted from assistant professor to associate professor: James Frazier, physical education; Dr. Tran Van Thuong,

mathematics; Dr. William Stevens, business; Warren Turner, physical education; Dr. Sandra Seorse, dental hygiene; Dr. Elaine Freeman, retention and honors.

Terry Marion of the school of business was promoted from associate professor to professor. The board also approved dropping the middle school curriculum from the school of education. Robert Brown, vice-president for academic affairs, said those courses are already covered within the education program.

WHICH WAY IS UP?



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Amy Coffey, sophomore criminal justice major, samples weightlessness on the gyro yesterday in front of Billingsly Student Center. The gyro was one part of the Spring Fling celebrations this week.

CENTRAL MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

Student shoots professor

Tension high after weeks of disorder

By JOHN HACKER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Central Missouri State University has been rocked this past month by a series of events including the murder of a professor.

David Eshelman, a communications professor, was found dead outside of his home on April 7 from a gunshot wound to the head. Warrensburg police later arrested two suspects in the case.

On March 31, CMSU President Ed Elliott announced his resignation after eight years in office. The campus has also been plagued by

racial tension since last April's verdict in the Rodney King case.

"It's been a trying year," said Stephen Peterson, vice president for student affairs.

Peterson said the murder "was not related to the racial tension. It was an act against an individual faculty member by a student."

He said Eshelman apparently had one of the alleged assailants in a class.

The reaction in Warrensburg has been one of shock and disbelief, Peterson said.

CMSU has been dealing with the racial tension in a number of different ways.

"Last spring, after the King verdict, several things precipitated a list of concerns by African-Americans," Peterson said. "Over the summer and this year, we have

taken measures to try to work toward improving the situation."

The amount of progress made so far depends on the perspective, he said.

"Many people would say a great deal has been accomplished as far as changing attitudes," Peterson said. "Others would say progress has been slow. Some African-American students would tell you there are still significant problems as far as communications and attitudes."

Peterson said tensions have been exacerbated by recent events.

Reports of white students intimidating and attacking black students and of pamphlets and flyers containing threats and derogatory remarks towards African-Americans have left the student body on edge.

College reacts to CMSU slaying

By CHAD HAYWORTH
MANAGING EDITOR

Despite the shooting death of a Central Missouri State University professor last week, members of Missouri Southern's faculty say they feel safe when they come to work each day.

"Any time you give a grade, there is the potential for a confrontation," said Annette St. Clair, associate professor of political science. "But I'm not going to live my life worrying about things I can't control."

CMSU professor David Eshelman was found dead last week in the driveway of his Warrensburg home. Police later arrested two people, one who was enrolled in a class taught by Eshelman. Police refuse to speculate on a motive.

Southern Security Officer Terry Hylton said there were no reports of violence against any member of the faculty or staff in his recollection.

In fact, no member of the faculty contacted by The Chart could recall any incident of violence toward College employees.

"Even going back to the late 60s and early 70s when we had demonstrations going on here, I can't think of anything even close to that happening," said Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services. "There have been verbal confrontations, but nothing that was physically violent."

Hylton said random acts of violence are hard to predict, and even harder to prevent.

"It's not something you can plan for," he said. "You just wait for the call and then go and do what you can."

St. Clair said she feels reasonably safe at the College.

"I don't feel threatened here," she said. "In fact, the greatest threat on our campus is when you have to park across Duquesne Road from campus and cross the street."

Hylton said campus security can assist any student, faculty, or staff member who feels threatened while on campus. In addition, he said everyone needs to keep an eye out for their own welfare.

"Any job you take, I don't care what kind it is, you have to be concerned for your safety," he said.

Dolence said the College's open atmosphere is conducive to better education.

"Faculty names, addresses and telephone numbers are available fairly readily," he said. "I think our faculty is really open and accessible."

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE

'Crossroads' expenditures exceed receipts

College subsidizes publication costs

By KAYLEA HUTSON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Student Activity fee monies paid to the Crossroads yearbook each semester do not cover the entire costs of the publication.

Each semester, students with more than 12 credit hours pay a \$20 activity fee.

Five dollars of the fee goes to publishing the yearbook.

The other \$15 is divided between the Campus Activities Board, Student Senate, and the Picnic Fund.

With the full-time students numbering 3,656 in the fall of 1991 and 3,327 in the spring of 1992, activity fee monies should have amounted to \$34,915.

However, Crossroads received

fund. This amounted to a \$4,335 difference.

Senior Vice President John Tiede said the revenue received by the yearbook could have been affected by three factors.

"We do not take the head count and multiply," Tiede said. "It is figured due to two or three things. One, if they get a refund; two, they can be in the head count but not pay fees, and then we have to drop them; and three, if they take an off-campus class, the (total hours taken) could equal 12, but if three hours are taken off-campus then they would register with only nine (on campus)."

He said students are not charged for off-campus classes.

The total expenditures by 1991-92 Crossroads came to \$36,372, which paid for the cost of printing.

The printing for the 1991-92

base contract costs of \$33,900 by \$2,472.

The total costs of the yearbook exceeded the allocated funds by \$5,792.

"In effect we subsidize it," Tiede said. "It is part of a learning experience, and part of the total college learning experience."

Tiede said historically the Crossroads budget is handled through his office and Dave Throop in the business office.

He said they work in conjunction with Jean Campbell, Crossroads adviser, and Herff Jones, iron out the contract with Herff Jones.

Tiede said the budget is not administered strictly by the communications department because the funds are derived from the activity fee.

But that could change.

"I [suspect] that we are going to do that next year," Tiede said. "Even though the finances are through the student fees, it would

be more efficient to run everything through Mr. (Richard) Massa (communication department head)."

The contract with Herff Jones calls for 2,300 yearbooks to be printed.

Approximately 560 1991-92 yearbooks have yet to be picked up.

"I assume that is based historically on what has been picked up," Tiede said.

Campbell said it would not be financially feasible to print enough books to cover every full-time student.

"It would be terribly wasteful to print 4,500 books, and not have them picked up," she said.

With the small contract printing order some students might not be able to receive a yearbook.

Tiede said in the eventuality that not every full-time student who wanted a yearbook did not receive one, another printing would be done.

KID MEETS KID



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One of the younger visitors enjoys the Great American Circus Friday.

► COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Instructor trades job for priesthood

Kumbier 'optimistic' about transition

By **LESLIE KARR**
STAFF WRITER

Leaving Missouri Southern to become a priest is not something that Instructor of Communications Janet Kumbier decided to do on a whim.

"It's taken me a long time to act on my decision, but now that I have, I don't think anything is more right for me," she said. "God will provide for people. Once you accept the calling, things fall into place."

"Somehow, I anticipate there will be problems that just fall away."

Kumbier is fully confident in her decision.

"I'm not scared at all," she said. "Sometimes I ask myself why I'm not scared. I'm certainly at a point of not knowing where this will take me, however, I'm not at all apprehensive. I'm extremely optimistic. I'm making a leap of faith knowing God will provide for me. Since He has called, He will take care of details."

In order to become a Episcopal priest, Kumbier said she must earn

a bachelor's degree, then attend a seminary for three years. Kumbier will attend either the General Theological Seminary in New York City, or the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas.

Tomorrow, Kumbier will travel to New York to be interviewed, and to look over the program. The following Friday, Kumbier will do the same in Austin.

After visiting the seminaries, she plans to make a decision.

"This is something I have been wanting to do," she said. "For a number of years, I thought about making this commitment. It's a matter of the time being right for me to do this now."

As a mother of three, Kumbier has her children's feelings to deal with.

"My family has been very supportive," she said. "When I told them, I thought they would be surprised. My daughter said, 'Well, of course.' They saw it coming even though I hadn't purposely been

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LETTER PERFECT



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Ken Moser, carpenter, drills holes for the new lettering into the Webster Communications and Social Science Building last Friday.

► STUDENT SENATE

Idle cash returned to Senate account

Phi Beta Lambda receives request after objections

By **JOHN HACKER**
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Even after allocating \$829 to two campus organizations last week, the Missouri Southern Student Senate ended up with more money in its treasury than it had the week before.

Treasurer Lory St. Clair reported \$1,012 in unused allocations had been returned to Senate's account last week, bringing the balance before last night's meeting to \$4,185.69.

Two allocations, totaling \$894.54, were approved at last night's meeting.

The Senate's finance committee recommended Phi Beta Lambda's request for \$647.54 be reduced to \$536.68.

St. Clair said the committee felt that five people could stay in one room, so they recommended that Senate only pay for two motel rooms instead of three as request-

ed by the group. A number of senators objected to the requirement that five people stay in one room.

Senators amended the finance committee's recommendation to the original amount and approved the request for \$647.54.

Senate also allocated \$2,000 to Alpha Sigma Alpha to be used by the group to attend a conference in the summer.

In other business, Senate President Larry Seneker asked volunteers for a committee to look into discrepancies in the Senate constitution.

"In some places [the constitution] says we are here to serve the students and in other places it says we are here to serve recognized organizations," Seneker said. "We need to clean that up."

Seneker also reported that a copier in the Lions' Den was costing the Senate \$70 per month. He said the copier was supposed to make \$100 a month, and if it did not, the Senate must make up the difference.

"Apparently nobody wants to use it because it doesn't make good copies," Seneker said.

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SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Aldridge set to enjoy new-found freedom

by SHERI RULE
STAFF WRITER

After almost 20 years, Social Science Secretary Charlene Aldridge will

Aldridge made the decision to retire last fall. She will leave Missouri Southern on June 30.

"I'm going to enjoy just being free," Aldridge said of her retirement plans. "I'll miss the job, but at the same time I'm really looking forward to this."

David Tate, head of social science, said Aldridge will not be missed.

"Charlene is excellent," Tate said. "She's a perfectionist and a hard worker, and she makes sure anything she does is done right."

Naturally, when I look for someone to replace her, I'd like to find someone who comes as close to her skills as possible. But most important with Charlene, it's her personality, her attitude, and her loyalty. Those things are difficult to come by."

Aldridge is very into gardening, and Annette St. Clair, assistant professor of political science,

"She's an avid gardener," St. Clair said. "We have a contest in the department for who can bring the first ripe tomato. Everyone hopes that will happen before

school is out in the spring, but it doesn't always happen that soon."

Aldridge is responsible for starting this tradition.

"She's a great fan of her tomatoes," St. Clair said. "She spends almost every waking minute when she's not at the college working in her yard. That's what she plans to do after she retires—live outside in her garden."

Like Tate, St. Clair believes Aldridge is irreplaceable.

"She takes care of the department very well," St. Clair said. "She's very personable. She views the faculty more as her children in that she really looks out for our best interest. It's a big job taking care of this kind of department."

One job Aldridge has taken on as social science secretary is the department budget.

"She checks up on the budget to make sure we don't go over, but to see that we spend it right up to the budget," St. Clair said.

"This takes a lot of the load off of the department head and off of the faculty by her doing that responsibility herself, which she doesn't have to do but which she has done because, quite frankly, she loves the department."

Aldridge plans to keep in contact with everyone in the department and other friends after she retires.

"This department has been like a family," she said. "I am really going to miss everyone here."

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Children and students from Southern's Child Development Center watch attentively as Mike Waguespack, midway worker for Allan C. Hills Great American Circus, gives a pat to Teddy the camel.

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warning them."

Although Kumbier was brought up in the Presbyterian faith, as an adult she was drawn to the Episcopal church she said because "it is such a sacramental denomination."

"Spiritually, I responded to the

nature of worship," she said.

Kumbier made a conscious search before choosing the Episcopal faith.

"I visited a number of different churches and explored what different denominations had to offer," she said. "I had a feeling with Episcopal church that this is where

I belong."

Currently she is a member of St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Joplin.

Kumbier has been a French teacher at Southern for the last two and half years. Previously, she was an instructor of French at Iowa State University.

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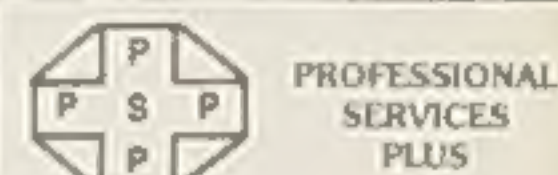
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OUR EDITORIALS

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CMSU crisis

What is this world coming to? Central Missouri State University professor David Eshelman was gunned down last week by a student who was reportedly upset over a bad grade.

Yikes.

It's mighty scary when college professors have to look over their shoulders as they leave their houses.

Education is supposed to be a relatively safe career choice.

Members of the faculty we talked to say they are not worried, but maybe they should be.

There doesn't seem to be any record of violence at Missouri Southern, but that doesn't mean it can't happen here.

A sad State

Hold on to your wallets, folks, here we go again.

Missouri Southern's board of regents announced yesterday it may have to increase tuition for fall 1993.

Again.

It seems Gov. Mel Carnahan has to come up with money to pay for elementary and secondary education. So, instead of giving higher education its fair share, he wants to whack \$17 million from their budget.

College President Julio Leon calls it "taking from education to pay for education."

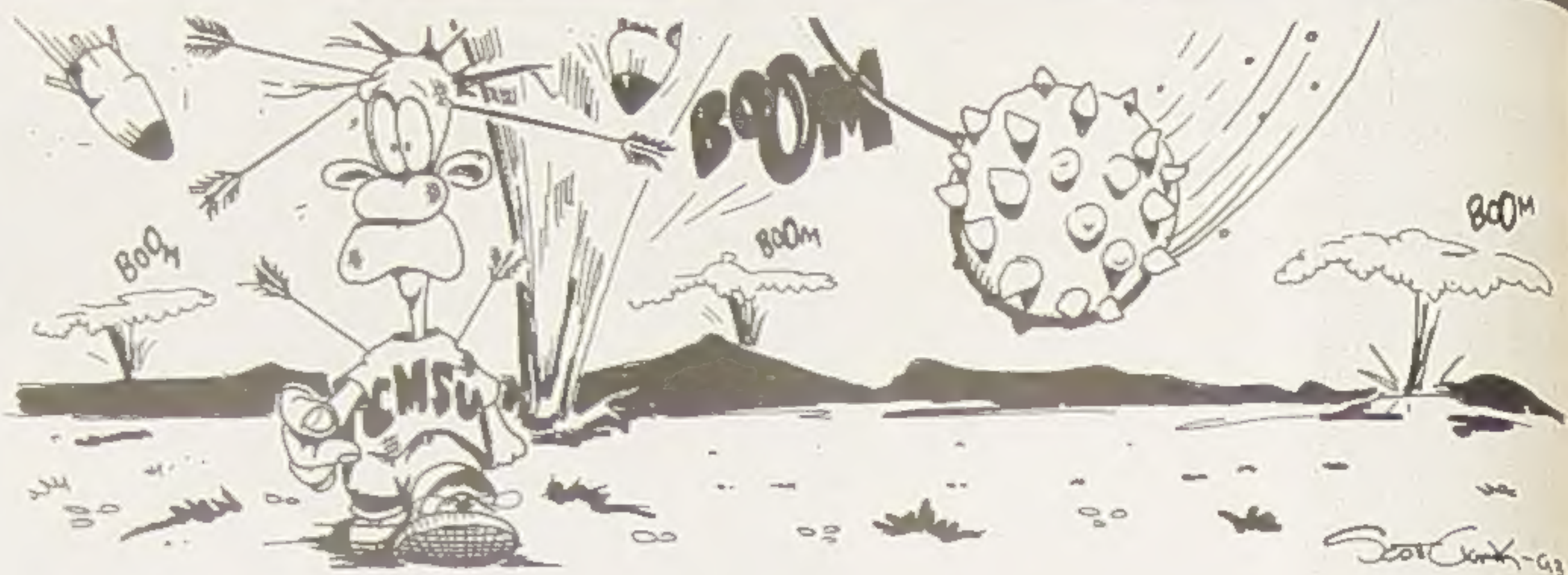
Huh? It's sort of like cutting one end of a blanket off and sewing it on the other end to make the blanket longer. When it's all said and done, you're still cold.

In a nutshell, this means the College has to get its money somewhere else. There's only one place to turn, and that is the student body.

We understand the need to fund the embattled elementary and secondary education systems, but what about higher education? There seems to be little concern, and even less compassion, in Jefferson City for those who have to fork over big bucks to attend college.

Many Southern students are maxed out as is, and another tuition hike may mortally wound their ability to attend.

Let's just hope Leon and the Board of Regents can swing softly when they drop the financial hammer on our heads.



Judge's decision delays verdict

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Every word is important in this case. The jurors need to know exactly what was said by Singer and every other witness that took the stand.



By MARNIE CROW
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Like everyone else, I tune in to the news every evening to see if the jury has delivered its verdict in the trial of the four Los Angeles police officers accused of violating Rodney King's civil rights.

When I found out Monday from a fellow *Chart* editor that U.S. District Judge John G. Davies refused to allow jurors a transcript of California Highway Patrolwoman Melanie Singer's testimony, I was shocked and puzzled.

I could not believe in a trial as important as this one that Davies would say no to anything the jury needed in order to reach a verdict.

Davies was quoted in *The Kansas City Star* as saying, "Even if I had it, I would not have sent it in because it tends to emphasize testimony."

Davies did warn the jurors before the trial began that they would have to rely on notes they had taken, their memory, and that he would not provide them with transcripts.

This trial is not like a classroom. If you take the wrong notes or remember the instructor saying something he did not, you're the only one who loses.

All you get is a bad grade in a course you could probably retake if you wanted to.

In this case, if the jurors' memories fail, it will be King or the officers who will lose. I see this as a very dangerous situation.

I know if someone asked me to remember word for word what was covered in any one of my classes today, I couldn't do it. Even my notes do not record each word the instructor says.

The jurors do have notes, but can they be sure they are 100 percent accurate?

If they received a transcript, it would help to eliminate any mistakes.

Every word is important in this case. The jury needs to know exactly what was said by Singer and every other witness that took the stand.

I also do not understand why Davies does not ask the jurors to focus on testimony. If not testimony, then what? Does he want them to rely on their opinions and biases?

I have always understood that testimony is one of two key elements in a trial, the other one being evidence. If this is true, Davies is asking them to out or de-emphasize 50 percent of the hearing.

What kind of verdict can be delivered if evidence is not taken into account?

The general consensus I received from two instructors and two Kansas City lawyers I spoke with was that they did not know of any rule or procedure that would prohibit the jury from obtaining a transcript. They said most of the time, actions like these are based upon the discretion of the judge.

Denying the jurors a written transcript was foolish and it serves no benefit to anyone. All it does is hinder the decision-making process.

If the jurors asked for it, there must be a good reason. Maybe there is some doubt to what was or was not said.

Judge Davies should be ashamed of himself. Because of his actions, Los Angeles and the rest of the nation must continue to hold their breath and wait.

Campus activities aid education

IN PERSPECTIVE

What I do have is a long list of skills that will help me get a job when the cards are laid out on the table.



By LORY ST. CLAIR
C.A.B. PRESIDENT

Hello. My name is Lory St. Clair. You probably don't know me, but I've been floating around this campus, much like a specter, for the last five years. Not to say that I've been dead, or that I'm even close to a "lighter than air" condition. What I mean is that I've been in a position to see things from many sides.

During the last five years I've seen buildings built, pianos purchased, and finger painting in the oval. I've witnessed an escape from a cellophane cocoon, seen the Lions' Den redecorated, and the book deposit increase by 100 percent and then disappear. I've served Pepsi out of "weenie wagons" for more than seven picnics, worked in three Phon-A-Thons, picked up trash on Duquesne Road for three semesters, and even sold concessions at basketball and football games.

I feel very old and like taking the privileges of that rank. I'm going to paraphrase from great speakers, inflict my opinions upon you, and give you unsolicited advice.

The most heart-wrenching thing I have witnessed at Missouri Southern since my freshman year is the increasingly small number of people who choose to involve themselves with the extra-curricular portion of the education provided here. Not all of college is books and lectures, labs and tests, or notes and study groups.

College is the chance to explore your values, give you the intellectual background to support your morals, and to teach you life skills in communication, organization, and delegation. Many of you

won't want to acknowledge this, but the degree you receive here is a sign to future employers and graduate schools that you have determination, dedication, and the ability to learn. By no means are you expected to leave here knowing all you will need to be successful. You just need to seek out and learn the things you need to know. In other words—you're trainable (that this is bad).

I do not have a 4.0 grade-point average, and I'm not bragging. What I do have is a long list of skills that will help me get a job when the cards are laid out on the table. My degree will say I'm trained and my resume will say I know how to put that training to use. Please don't let much more time pass before you practice putting your education to use.

The President of the United States has called for a time of pulling together, of helping one another reach higher goals. This is a time to give of yourself to the institutions of your heart. Your loyalty is solicited by everyone from Jerry Lewis to your bank. With state funding cutbacks, Southern is one of those institutions. You don't have money—give it yourself.

It's as easy as spending a couple hours a week. You know you are busy; trust me, we all are. Taking time to join an organization, representing Southern, and supplementing the campus experience for students are very generous and very effective ways of giving of yourself. These simple deeds do help.

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YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and should include a phone number for verification purposes. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office in the Webster Communications and Social Science Building or fax them to 417-625-9742 by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

Sexual issues spark strong opinions

The credence of NOW indicates a longing for a Christless society. They use the American ideal of "choice" to propagate the murder of children for the purpose of mere convenience, when in reality, there is no longer any "choice."

If a woman is pregnant, she will birth the child either naturally or sucked through a tube. The mother's choice was made in bed.

I suggest that instead of fighting for the "right to control your own bodies," you simply control your bodies. But instead you fight to punish an innocent child, by death, for the acts of its parents.

As a person striving to be like Christ, I understand that I must be responsible for my actions, for forgiveness does not negate consequence.

Ms. Russell, does NOW truly "embrace...domestic violence?" I hope it is a misprint.

The liberal doctrine of "no absolutes" is a logical travesty. Monogamous, heterosexual, marital relationships are the absolute only moral sexual relationships in accordance with the Laws of God (Lev. 20) and the spiritual

convictions of humanity. I am not "homophobic," but rather "theophobic."

I fear the same wrath that God poured out on Sodom will fall on our unrepentant and iniquitously proud nation, for promoting the "abomination" of homosexuality.

I am sorry Ms. Russell, but AIDS does discriminate between those who are sexually immoral—that includes adultery and fornication—and those who give their virginity in a legitimate, monogamous relationship, one man and one woman, for life. The latter, plus a good blood supply, would wipe-out AIDS in ten years!

Open minds are like open sails. Without the rudder of morality to guide their course, they simply go the way the wind blows. The position of true Christians is to love the person and hate sin. So I say to NOW, to homosexuals and to Ms. Russell, Jesus saves, forgives and heals. He loves all of us! He loves none of our transgressions.

Cory D. Gasparich
Freshman Music Major

"I am not the editor of a newspaper, and I shall always try to do right and be good so that God will not make me one."

—Mark Twain

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▶ COUSTEAU WATCH

Science too slow to political groups

Environmental problems hold no clear answers, quick solutions

By JEAN-MICHEL COUSTEAU
EARTH MATTERS

There is nothing theoretical about such acute environmental disasters as the Exxon Valdez tanker incident in Alaska or the oil spills that resulted from the Gulf War. The blackened beaches, dead animals, and contaminated marine life were there for all to see. And the Chernobyl explosion in the former Soviet Union, offered inescapable visual proof of tragedy in the smoldering nuclear plant.

But distinguishing between the short- and long-term effects of such incidents remains a challenge. Once the headlines fade, the public moves on to new immediacies. But scientists get busy with experiments aimed at discerning true from the false. More and more, such science will guide public policy, especially in environmental matters. And increasingly the public is seeing how science is far from immune to debate and controversy.

For example, in the summer of 1992, Dr. Allan Bromley, science adviser to George Bush, was grilled by (then Senator) Vice-President Al Gore about interpretations of data on global climate

changes. Gore suggested that Bush might not have been receiving the benefit of the full range of scientific opinion with respect to global-warming possibilities.

"The context is that we have not seen any unambiguous signal for greenhouse warming that we can attribute to carbon dioxide in the atmosphere," Bromley said. "Eventually we will see one if we keep putting carbon dioxide into the atmosphere."

Gore answered that this helped postpone action by giving Bush "some comfort that there is much uncertainty surrounding the science of global warming that he need not feel the same sense of urgency that every other leader of an industrial nation seems to feel."

But undeniable scientific facts are hard to come by. And science proceeds slowly, taking each puzzle a piece at a time. This makes policy conclusions hard to draw, since findings are fraught with qualifications and complexities.

An article in the prestigious journal *Nature* concerning Persian Gulf post-war pollution said that the concentration of hydrocarbons in sediments and mollusks sampled after the war was in fact lower than in similar prewar samples.

The public might thus conclude

CLEAN-UP ACT



Crews use steam to clean an Alaskan beach in the aftermath of the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989. Scientists study the effects of accidents slowly—which holds back political action toward the issues.

that Gulf War spills had no appreciable impact on marine life. But this would be a simplified inference because the war itself cut down on the "normal" pollution in the Persian Gulf from oil tankers and minor spills since there was no oil traffic occurring during the war.

Another article published in *Nature* struck a more definitive tone and dealt with increased cases of thyroid cancer in children in Belarus, especially in the Gomel region known to have received the highest level of radioactive fallout after the 1986 Chernobyl explosion.

The scientists report a "great increase" in the number of thyroid

cancers, rising from "an average of just four cases per year from 1969 to 1989 inclusive, to 55 in 1991."

A vivid example of debate took place over a recent study at Prince William for the ALYESKA Pipeline Co. It found the Valdez Pipeline Terminal loading process was responsible for only 25 percent of the increased levels of benzene, a known carcinogen, found in the air around Valdez.

ALYESKA commissioned the study because it is under pressure to control benzene emissions. But a separate scientific team commissioned by the Regional Citizens' Advisory Council of Prince William

Sound disputed the ALYESKA study and found the Pipeline terminal was responsible for 90 percent of ambient benzene levels.

As we approach a new era of environmental and economic urgencies, science will be more and more on the firing line. I have often felt frustrated at the cautious pace of science, although I know the dangers of inaccuracies and panic.

The best defense against these is good information and its sincere evaluation. As our world becomes a more complex web of tradeoffs, we must find a proper recipe of facts, resolve and ethics to arrive at truths that determine our well-being.

▶ CHINESE-BRITISH DISPUTES CONCERNING HONG KONG

China, Patten bicker over territory's future

'Shadow government' threatened on exasperated Hong Kong people

THE ECONOMIST

On April 2, in Beijing's Great Hall of the People, 48 residents of Hong Kong and one Thai Chinese businessman were set to receive their certificates of appointment as official "advisers" to China on Hong Kong. They join 44 other Hong Kongers who were given the same distinction last year. Is this the penumbra of the shadow government that China threatens for the territory?

Not to hear Hong Kong's colonial government spokesman welcomed the news, saying "we're entirely comfortable" with the new advisers—even those who know a lot about the secret workings of Hong Kong. That category includes both a former head of the prison service and Sir David Akers-Jones, a former

chief secretary and one-time acting governor who has opposed the political reform plans of the present governor, Chris Patten.

The line taken by Patten is that the more China learns about what makes Hong Kong tick, the better. British officials privately add that China's Hong Kong advisers may be able to offer some communication link between Patten and the Chinese government.

A fortnight ago communication seemed to be at an end. Patten had, on March 12, officially published his proposals for bringing a touch more democracy to Hong Kong's Legislative Council (Legco). This followed weeks of fruitless "talks about talks" between Britain and China on Hong Kong, and it enraged the Chinese.

The opening on March 12 of the annual session of the National People's Congress, China's lame parliament, ensured verbal bombardment. Li Peng, China's prime minister, shouted abuse in his opening speech. Lu Ping, China's chief official dealing with Hong Kong, threatened a shadow government; and meanwhile Chinese mouthpieces compared Patten to a petty thief and a prostitute.

Britain and China do not seem to be able to reach a definitive moment in their dispute. The Chinese Congress ended this week by appointing the dour Li to another five-year term as prime minister. Yet even before the propaganda-churning Congress was out of the way, Lu had said that Hong Kong's much delayed new airport should not be held in hostage in the row between Britain and China.

The British, for their part, profess their continued readiness for talks.

Although Patten did formally publish his proposals last month, in a conciliatory gesture he refrained from submitting them to Legco. That was put off until after Easter, which gives Britain and China yet another chance to agree on a formula for the Legco elections due in 1995. Meanwhile, on March 31 Patten left Hong Kong for nearly three weeks in Europe, some of his time will be spent in London pouring over maps of the Hong Kong battle-terrain with his former cabinet colleagues, John Major and the foreign secretary, Douglas Hurd.

They will have a lot to think about. Hong Kong is getting exasperated, bored even, with the behavior of its present and post-1977 sovereigns. One sign is that the twitchy stockmarket rose on the news of Lu's mid-March threat of a shadow government. Yet any prospect of new talks presents Britain with some hard choices. If

talks do get going, China's aim will be to see that they proceed at a stately pace. Patten said that his proposals must be acted upon by Legco before it adjourns in July. If he delays submitting legislation much past the end of April, time will be short for a thorough debate in Legco.

Patten's greatest difficulty is that his effort to get Hong Kong—via Legco—to stand up for itself is seen by many Hong Kongers not as a call to secure the "autonomy" formally promised by China, but as an invitation to choose between their present and future sovereigns. Sir David, the new China adviser, has written with contempt of Patten's departure from the spirit of previous Chinese-British understandings, "as if in order to test the concept of (Hong Kong's) autonomy after 1997 we should break agreements, like spoiled children."

▶ LASER DISCS

Classical music sees boost from technological advance

THE ECONOMIST

To amend an old musical saw, why should the devil have all the best publicity? The promoters of the careers of classical musicians agree. With the help of laser discs, which provide images as well as sound, they have started to package and publicize orchestras as if they were pop groups and opera stars as if they were singers of country at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville.

Ivo Pogorelich, a dreamboat pianist, is one beneficiary. Deutsche Grammophon has him playing Chopin and Scriabin in Italian castles for no other apparent reason than that the young musician looks good brooding against splendid architecture (Deutsche Grammophon NTSC 072 245-3 and NTSC 072 217-3).

The quest for a posh setting has also caught the fancy of orchestras. Sir Colin Davis leads a rather cowed English Chamber Orchestra and soloists on a laser disc of

"Mozart at Buckingham Palace" (EMI LDB 99 1300 1). The setting is a distinctly frigid concert room and the somber arrival of some members of the Royal family hardly cheer things up.

Not only must today's artists look good when playing, but even when rehearsing. Two new laser discs from Sony celebrating Yo Yo Ma, America's most famous cellist, show him preparing snippets of works by Bach and Beethoven (Sony LSV 46392). He is also shown in rehearsal sessions for chamber works by Brahms (Sony SLV 46372) with Isaac Stern, Jaime Laredo, and Emanuel Ax. The svelte cellist manages to retain a certain Zen calm amid all the strenuous work, but his bulgy partners perspire freely. And under the pitiless digital eye, every bead of sweat seems a reproach.

Classical musicians are also getting their faces better known, and earning money, by appearing in advertisements in magazines—



At the Clinton-Yeltsin Summit

▶ RUSSIA

Yeltsin depends on aid to steady bad economy

THE ECONOMIST

Over the coming days and weeks, first the American president and then the finance and foreign ministers of the world's largest industrial countries will meet Russian President Boris Yeltsin. At issue is not just an aid program but Russia's place in the world. If its economic policies are right, then western assistance can help Russia achieve macro-economic stability faster than it could otherwise do. That in turn would remove the threat of economic chaos that is overwhelming Yeltsin and raising the specter of an aggressive nationalist government which would intervene in neighboring countries.

But if Russia is to become a stable, unthreatening place, then it too has commitments to make—and not just by providing the economic policies needed to make aid work. Yeltsin must show he is willing to rein in those advocating interference in the affairs of Russia's neighbors. And he must push to fulfill the international obligations into which Russia has entered. At the moment he is doing neither.

Over the past year, the Russian nationalists who argue that Russia's foreign-policy interests are not served by a close alliance with the West have become increasingly influential. The influ-

▶ BUSINESS

Tea shop faces a lot of disfavor

THE ECONOMIST

Anyone convinced Japanese markets are closed to importers will enjoy the story of Caron Cooper. One Saturday in 1989, Cooper was standing in her stall in London's Portobello market, selling what she calls "kitchenalia." A Japanese couple stopped and bought a great pile of carved breadboards, old wicker baskets, and Victorian canisters. They would do nicely in the small hotel that the couple ran back home. This set Cooper thinking: the English country look, it seemed, touched a Japanese chord.

Now Cooper is preparing to sell the tea ceremony in Japan—the English tea ceremony, that is. In partnership with Beazer, a British construction company, she will open her first tea shop in Tokyo next year; nine more are planned. Each shop will be modeled on the one that Cooper already runs in Nettleton Shrub, a cozy English village in Wiltshire: cobbled floors, old oak beams, red and white checked tablecloths, lace wherever possible. The tea will be supplied by a venerable firm with the finest Raj pedigree. The jam will be made from Cooper's own recipe. The scones will be made from special flour shipped from England: Japanese flour is too "heavy."

Cooper thinks she knows her market. Last year, her seven-bedroom hotel put up 1,200 Japanese tourists visiting Bath. Cooper's book on Wiltshire has sold 12,000 copies in Japan. Japanese magazines have written about her. A television series, *England with Caron*, has been suggested.

Surely Japan's protectionist bureaucrats will sour this sweet confection? If they can. The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries has blocked Cooper's plans to import clotted cream, calling it a health hazard. Without it, insists Cooper, a real British cream tea is impossible; other "British" tea rooms in Japan use whipping cream, "which is just as foamy."

Happily there is a way around this obstacle. Jersey cows, the only sort of whose milk is good enough for clotted cream, roam Japan's northern island of Hokkaido. So far nobody on the island knows how to make clotted cream. But with the help of Britain's Department of Trade and Industry, Cooper hopes to find an expert closter to teach Hokkaido's farmers. To prickly hosts, foreign investment is always more welcome if it involves technology transfer.

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college. Helping Southern grow and keeping an ear open to the active and responsive student body are things that will make this college more appealing to students looking for an institution to give

their loyalties.

To put all this very simply—ask not only what your college can do for you but what you can do for your college. I never promised a good paraphrase.

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CAMPUS
EVENTS
CALENDAR

Today 15

9 to 11 a.m. — SUMMER / FALL PRE-ENROLLMENT BEGINS FOR 60 - 89 HOURS.

9:30 to 10:30 a.m. — KOINONIA, BSC 313.
Noon to 1 p.m. — LDSSA, BSC 313.

12:30 p.m. — SPRING FLING TWISTER, Front Lawn. Inside at the Lions' Den if rain.

1 to 3 p.m. — SUMMER / FALL PRE-ENROLLMENT BEGINS FOR STUDENTS WITH 60 - 89 HOURS.

1:30 to 3:30 p.m. — EXECUTIVE MEETING, BSC 314.
4 to 5 p.m. — INTERNATIONAL CLUB, BSC 311.

Tomorrow 16

10:45 to 1:15 — SPRING FLING PICNIC, The Oval.
Noon to 3 p.m. — RAPPEL CLINIC, Rappel Tower behind the Police Academy.

4 to 9 p.m. — ORIENTATION, BSC Lounge.
TRACK AND FIELD, at CMSU Mule Relays.

Saturday 17

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. — YOUNG AUTHORS CONFERENCE, BSC Third Floor.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. — ATHLETIC BANQUET, BSC 310.
TRACK AND FIELD, at CMSU Mule Relays.

Sunday 18

1 p.m. — BASEBALL vs Lincoln University.

5 p.m. — ALPHA CHI DINNER, BSC Third Floor.
6 to 9 p.m. — GREEK COUNCIL, BSC Lounge.

Monday 19

9 to 11 a.m., 1 to 3 p.m. — SUMMER / FALL PRE-ENROLLMENT BEGINS FOR STUDENTS WITH 30 - 59 HOURS.

3 p.m. — TENNIS vs Northeast OK State.

3 to 4 p.m. — FACULTY SENATE, BSC 313.

4 to 5 p.m. — GREEK COUNCIL, BSC 314.

4 to 7 p.m. — SIGMA NU, BSC 313.

6 to 9 p.m. — JASPER CO. IRA DINNER, BSC 310.

Tuesday 20

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION, George Washington Carver Monument - Diamond.

7 to 8:30 p.m. — KAPPA DELTA PI SPRING INITIATION, BSC 310.

Wednesday 21

3 p.m. — CAB MEETING, BSC 310.

3 p.m. — SOFTBALL vs Northeastern State University.

5:30 p.m. — STUDENT SENATE, BSC 310.

COLLEGE ORIENTATION

New leaders chosen to educate freshmen

49 students selected for posts

By ALLISON GROSSE
STAFF WRITER

New faces at Missouri Southern will get help from some students who have been around the College block a few times.

College orientation leaders for 1993 were announced on March 12. The new leaders will teach the Freshman Orientation classes next fall. Forty-nine students were selected from 70 who applied. In order to qualify, students must be enrolled at Southern and have

completed approximately 50 credit hours and have a minimum cumulative grade-point-average of 2.5.

The selection process for orientation leaders began in January. Posters were displayed on campus and nominations were accepted. Applications were sent to the nominees or could be picked up in the Student Services office. Later, interviews were set up and the selections were made.

The new College orientation leaders are: Audra Adair, Sean Barrett, Margaret Becker, Dorcia Bilodeau, Michelle Brown, Kara Carr, Amy Casey, Amy Coffey, Oma Dean,

Vickie Dearmond, Regena Denton, Mark Detherage, Cassie Doty, Melissa Escobar, Amanda Gillen, Janessa Hall, Brande Harris, Terri Heeter, Kris Hunt, Amy Jordan, Amy Lorton, Trent Lovewell, Rob Lundien, Amy Mahurin, Stephanie Matthews, Amy Mayberry, William Miller, Toni Preni, Brian Rash, Etolia Stever, Michelle Stonis, Jennifer Thomas, Jamie Uptegrove, Michelle Vineyard, and Allison Whitehead.

Returning leaders are: Troy Comeau, Cami Davey, Luis Figueroa, Debra Forbes, Jan Gardner, Kelly Gayman, Theresa Guetzkow, Nancy Hasbrook, Kaylea Hutson, Kim Jensen,

Patricia Stirling, Van Vandaveer, Lorie Watts, and Kristall Williams.

All orientation leaders must complete a total of five training sessions before they are allowed to teach the class.

During the sessions, the leaders are prepared to teach the class. They must know campus information and are taught to work with groups.

Lori LeBahn, director of orientation, says the training sessions are important because they give the leaders the skills and confidence they need in order to be prepared.

"The training sessions not only help them think they can [teach the class], it gives them the skills nec-

essary to do it," LeBahn said.

While teaching the eight-week class next fall, orientation leaders will have weekly meetings with one of 14 faculty mentors.

LeBahn also believes the orientation leaders are an integral part of the College because the program has such high retention rates.

"Teaching helps the leaders, it also helps the program," she said. "Retention rates for the freshmen class are really high. From Fall '92 to Spring '93, we have retained 91 percent of the freshman class. The national average is only 50 percent."

"The ones who take the class [in school]."

GOOD ANSWER



Sophomore business major Brad Sifton (left front) and sophomore English major Rashel Ogle (right front) took part in a round of Family Feud hosted by Andy Love (center) Monday at the Lions' Den.

DEBATE

Judging pool poses problems for squad

Morris: Squad did some 'impressive things'

By HONEY SCOTT
STAFF WRITER

After a very competitive season the forensics squad went to Elce University last weekend for the individual events national tournament.

Attending the tournament for Missouri Southern were senior accounting major John Kerney, and sophomore marketing major Curt Gilstrap.

"Although they did not break into our rounds, they did do some fairly impressive things," said Eric Morris, forensics coach.

"All of our events placed in the top one-third," Gilstrap said. "We got a lot of student feedback. The people we competed against thought we were the best in the round."

In spite of the fact that Kerney qualified in four events for the national tournament, three of the events he qualified for were in the same flight.

Tournament rule specifies that participants are only allowed to take two entries from each flight.

Kerney elected to take dramatic interpretation, communication analysis, and duo with Gilstrap. He decided not to take his poetry entry.

"You have to be entered in four events in order to qualify for the individual sweepstakes, so I didn't get to do that," Kerney said.

Gilstrap was quite pleased with their performance with the duo.

"We were 'on' every round," he said. "Most of the students that heard us were wondering why we didn't at least break to the quarter-final round. We knew we should have advanced."

NURSING DEPARTMENT

Nurses score 'Bed Pan' for 3rd consecutive year

For the third consecutive year, the Missouri Southern nursing department took home top honors from a local hospital.

The nurses won the Bed Pan Award, a contest sponsored by Freeman Hospital, on Thursday, April 1.

The nursing departments at Northeast Oklahoma A&M, Crowder College, Franklin Technical School, and Pittsburg State University, participated in the event.

"It was highly competitive, but we had a great time," said Doris Elgrin,

associate professor of nursing.

The contest was designed to reward nursing students who will be graduating in May.

"The purpose was to promote interaction between the schools," Elgrin said. "It is a reward for the hard work done."

The schools competed in the team events: the wheel-chair race, gloving the doctor, and application of the IV gown.

The schools were awarded points based team standing in each event. The team with the highest total points won the Bed Pan Award.

YOUNG AUTHORS' CONFERENCE

College to host nearly 600 writers

By KAYLEA HUTSON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

A showcase of talent will be on hand Saturday when area young authors converge on campus.

Approximately 600 first through sixth grade students will take part in the Fifth Annual Young Authors' Conference.

The event is sponsored by the Jasper County International Reading Association and the Missouri Southern Education department.

"This is a day to recognize elementary students who have written a book—an original book," said Dr. Cameron Pulliam, coordinator, MSSC Young Authors' Conference. "They must write, illustrate and bind it by themselves."

The students were selected to attend the conference through contests held in their local schools.

Each school is allowed to send two students from each grade.

Fifty-six elementary and Junior High Schools are participating in the program.

"This is a day of celebration for Young Authors," Pulliam said. "Each student will hear a children's author speak in person, have lessons from an illustrator, and

have the opportunity to look at each other's books."

Children's author Ann McGovern will be on hand to discuss her books with the conference-goers.

McGovern is known for her book Stone Soup. She is a writer of non-fiction and fiction books for kindergarten to sixth-grade-age students. Dr. Nancy Smith, reading teacher at Southern, helped pick McGovern to come to Southern.

McGovern was chosen because of her book Christopher Columbus, because of the emphasis placed last year on the Anniversary of Columbus' voyage to America.

Nic Frising, local political artist, will help give the children tips for illustrating books.

In order to attend the conference, each young author must bring their work.

Pulliam said the books are their "ticket" into the events.

All of the books will then be displayed for the day in Billingsly Student Center.

"Virtually the entire floor of the Billingsly Student Center becomes a book display," Pulliam said. "All of the books will be displayed by grade level."

During the conference, each young author will be assigned to a small group. Each small group will be led by a Southern student volunteer.

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eign policy. First, where it is bad, he is not really in charge of it. Yeltsin cannot force parliament to sign START-2. And in fighting parliament, he needs the West's support, not its criticism. Nor can he sack renegade generals. Were the minister to obey, the generals might disobey the minister. Whatever happened, the result would be trouble with the military; an unnecessary problem when Yeltsin's crucial task is to get the economy right.

Next, by and large, Russian foreign policy is not that bad. With 25 million ethnic Russians living in the "near abroad," Russia can no more turn a blind eye to the way they are treated than Germany could if 13 million Germans—a proportionate number—lived in countries surrounding Germany.

The question is how Russia deals with this legitimate interest.

Renegade army actions and presidential speeches notwithstanding, the government under the liberal foreign minister, Andrei Kozyrev, has based its policy on the notion that the best way of defending the rights of Russians abroad is to encourage democracy. And the best way to do that is to respect human rights and be democratic yourself.

This has been a worthy cause and Yeltsin has sacrificed political capital in defense of it. He should not be accused of caving in to conservatives.

Lastly, it is a time when the West has stood by tut-tutting while Serbia set about creating a Greater Serbia, it would be hypocritical to penalize Russia because some members of the Russian government dream about a Greater Russia. Even so, the West should still make clear what it expects of Russian foreign policy: that it

should avoid a Monroesky doctrine for the "near abroad" and promise presidential pressure to get START-2 ratified once a new parliament is elected. These expectations are especially important because instability and overmightiness in Russia are being used by Ukraine as an excuse to hold on to the world's third largest nuclear arsenal.

This is one of Europe's gravest security worries. If Russia does not keep its international commitments, nor will Ukraine.

If Russia does not keep its international commitments, nor will Ukraine. Rescuing Russia's economy must remain the top priority for Yeltsin and the West.

But foreign policy must come right, too. Unless it does, the purpose of the aid—to make Russia a stable and civilizing partner in the world—will be undermined.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



CALENDAR ON CAMPUS

Taylor Auditorium
April 21-24 — *The Doctor In Spite Of Himself*, presented by Southern Theatre.

Webster Auditorium
April 25 — National Music Week concert, featuring members of the Missouri Southern Suzuki Violin Academy.

Spiva Art Center
623-0183
Beginning Sunday — Senior Exhibits.

JOPLIN

The Bypass
624-9095
Tomorrow — Smoot Mahuti.

Memorial Hall
623-3254
April 25 — Ricky Van Shelton.

TULSA

Tulsa Convention Center
May 1 — Alan Jackson and Billy Dean.

Mohawk Park
Sunday — The Beach Boys with Paul Revere and the Raiders.

SPRINGFIELD

Hammons Center
(417) 836-5774
Tomorrow — Michael W. Smith and D.C. Talk.

Hammons Hall
(417) 836-6782
April 25 — Dennis Miller.
May 10 — David Copperfield.

Regency Showcase
(417) 862-2700
Mondays — Rave with Jeff Henry.

Shrine Mosque
(417) 869-0529
Tomorrow — Alice In Chains.
Circus of Power and Masters of Reality.

Shrine Mosque
April 28 — Bryan Adams.

KANSAS CITY

Memorial Hall
(816) 931-3330
Saturday — Alice In Chains.

Kemper Arena
(816) 931-3330
Saturday — Michael W. Smith and D.C. Talk.

Midland Theatre
(816) 931-3330
Sunday — George Jones and Conway Twitty.

Arrowhead Stadium
(816) 931-3330
May 31 — Paul McCartney.

ST. LOUIS

Mississippi Nights
(314) 421-3853
Tomorrow — Drivin' N' Cryin'.
Sunday — Delbert McClinton.

Busch Stadium
(314) 291-7600
April 22 — Paul McCartney.

Fox Theatre
(314) 534-1678
April 30 — Anne Murray.
May 12-17 — "Aspects of Love."

MISSOURI SOUTHERN THEATRE

Moliere's 'Doctor' visits Wednesday
'Scalpel-sharp satire' conceived in 1666

By BRIAN SANDERS
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

For its season finale, the Southern Theatre group will present a classic satire about the medical industry from the 17th century.

The Doctor In Spite Of Himself, written by Jean-Baptiste Moliere in 1666, is scheduled for performance Wednesday through April 24 in Taylor Auditorium.

Director Sam Claussen, associate professor of theatre, described the play as a "scalpel-sharp satire."

"Moliere did not like his society at the time," Claussen said. "He was really big on how he could make fun of his society. He picked everything he could find to make fun of."

"I love all of Moliere's work," said Lawrence Alford, who plays Sganarelle. "He had a great sense of comedy for his time period."

In the play, Sganarelle, a poor, unscrupulous rogue who chops wood for an occasional living and beats his wife, Martine, played by Jennifer Russell, for fun. After a lover's quarrel, Martine tells a rich trader's servants that her husband is, in secret, a brilliant doctor who will only reveal his powers after being harshly punished.

After a few "treatments" at the hands of the servants, Sganarelle is talked into helping their master's daughter, whose illness is a phony reaction to her father's repudiation of her lover.

"It starts with a guy who is not even a doctor," Claussen said. "But, of course, he will say he is anything, once he is beat up. And once he realizes there is money in it, then he just makes all kinds of claims—he 'diagnoses' illnesses and fixes them, and he has fake Latin and everything."

Claussen also pointed out Moliere's real-life inspiration for *Doctor*.

"One of Moliere's relatives died at the hands of one of these quacks," he said. "So, obviously, Moliere was not too enthused about the medical profession after that."

"At the time it came out, there was a lot of controversy because there were groups of medical professionals who tried to shut it down."

Also starring in *Doctor* are William Watts, Matthew Morris, Michael Evans, Stephen Williamson, Nikki Kellison, James Dean Carter, Pamela Adkisson, Matthew Beese, Jonathon Peck, Lyndall Burrow, and Christy Burrow. Jennifer Carroll is stage

PRACTICING 'DOCTOR'



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Steven Williamson (center), junior communications major, and Mike Evans (right), freshman business administration and management major, watch as Matthew Beese, junior speech and drama education major, reacts during a rehearsal of the season's final performance of *The Doctor In Spite Of Himself*.

manager for this performance, and Tabitha Partlow will serve as assistant stage manager.

Claussen said the play's humor makes it unsuitable for children.

"This is because of the grotesqueness of the comedy at the time," he said. "They found a lot of humor in the various body parts, and they found a lot of humor in giving enemies. We do not give an enemy on stage, but we pantomime that."

"The thing that motivates [Sganarelle] is a combination of money and sexual relationships—how many times he can score."

Claussen said the performance will be "a big costume show," emphasizing extravagant costume work by Anne Jarvis, assistant professor of theatre.

"She has done some really interesting things," he said. "She has combined both the upper-crust of

society and the peasants in the costumes. She worked on textures a lot; in one costume, she has any number of textures as far as fabrics are concerned."

"The costumes are excellent," Williamson said. "They are wild and they are eye-catching, and yet they are not distracting."

For reservations, tickets, and further information, persons may call 625-9393.

READING BETWEEN THE LINES



T. ROB BROWN/The Chart

Joplin native Pattiann Rogers discusses aspects of her work at her poetry reading Tuesday in the BSC.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Whitesell to give vocal recital

Senior music major Steve Whitesell will present a senior vocal recital at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, in the Webster Communications and Social Science Building auditorium.

During the recital, which is presented in partial fulfillment of a bachelor of arts degree in music, Whitesell will feature selections from Carissimi, Bohm, Schumann, Vaughn Williams, and Handel.

Whitesell, who said he developed a serious musical interest in junior high school, received an associate

arts degree from Northeast Oklahoma Vocational-Technical School in Miami, Okla., where he currently resides.

His decision to attend Missouri Southern was influenced by "convenience," he said.

"There was a distance factor in it," he said. "I'm here, I have a wife and family, and it's not that far from Miami."

"I'd also known about the music department, about its good reputation, and that made me want to come here even more."

Whitesell has been studying under Charles Clark, vocal instructor.

"He's very encouraging, very patient, and he's helped me out a great deal," Whitesell said of Clark. "He's a very fine instructor, a good choir man. He's helped me improve on my abilities and talents."

Whitesell said he is not sure of his plans after graduation.

"I don't know," he said. "I'm involved in church music [and] church choir—I'll probably go into that."

Admission to the recital is free.

ART DEPARTMENT

Senior artists to show work

Exhibits to open Sunday at Spiva

By LEASA WEBB
STAFF WRITER

Senior art students get a chance to show off their talents in this year's Senior Art Exhibits in the Spiva Art Center starting April 18.

There will be four weeks of exhibitions, each one starting with a new group, on April 18, 25, and May 2 and 9.

Hours of the exhibits are 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

"The students who will participate

Betty Berry, Janet Carpenter, Betsy Clark, Melanie Miller, and Tom Edwards.

The exhibits will feature a cross section of the students' works in areas such as graphic design, painting, sculpture, drawing, jewelry, ceramics and print making.

On April 25, the second exhibit will begin with art from Scott Clark, Laurie Evans, Kirk Garber, Jennifer Johnson, and Tracie Plummer.

"The students will be evaluated on their work at the exhibitions," Bray said.

"Approximately 30 ceramic pieces, among other things will be on display," said Naomi Hunter, senior psychology major, of her personal contribution to the third exhibit. The exhibit, which begins

"I want to use artistic means to help people with their emotions...It is a communication process for the people who cannot open up."

— Naomi Hunter, senior psychology major

in the shows are enrolled in Art 490, a two-hour credit [course] which gives the students the responsibility of the preparation as well as the presentation of their own projects," said Jim Bray, head of Missouri Southern's art department.

"The class is a full-year course; however, the student is given an 'I' grade until the spring semester project is finished and the final grade is given."


Each group will be responsible for setting up their own exhibits. Participants in the first exhibit are

May 2, also includes Courtney Marty and Mary Palmer.

"I want to use artistic means to help people with their emotions," Hunter said. "It is a communication process for the people who cannot open up. Art draws out their emotions."

The fourth exhibit will begin on May 9. Exhibitors include Colleen Blanton, Kathy Donohoe, Lisa McCune, and Kim Peterson.

"If you really enjoy [art], you are going to express yourself through it," said Blanton. "All students are more than welcome to attend."



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▶ WEBB CITY

3 new faces join Council

Three new faces took their place on the Webb City Council Monday.

Jim Hardy (4th Ward) and Michael White (6th Ward) were elected to two-year terms. The pair join Vickie Lybarger, who will complete a one-year unexpired term from the 2nd Ward.

The three new members of the Council join re-elected council members Donna Humphrey (1st Ward), Gloria Sue Means (2nd Ward), Edna Rhodes (3rd Ward), and David Surgi (5th Ward).

The Council members, who were sworn in at Monday's meeting, were elected to their posts April 6.

Sterling Gant, who had served as acting mayor since the Oct. 12 resignation of Phil Richardson, was elected to complete one year of the unexpired term. John Rainey (6th Ward) was elected mayor pro-tem

during the Council's reorganization.

Gant said he would appoint a successor to fill his former position as 5th Ward Councilman.

In other action, the Council:

• Approved Gant's appointment of Paul Taylor as city attorney. Taylor, an attorney with the Webb City law firm of Myers, Taylor, and Whitworth, replaces Sylvia K. Byrnes-Ales. Byrnes-Ales resigned from the post last month but will continue to work for the city through April 30. Taylor, a former assistant city attorney, will take over May 1.

• Endorsed a committee recommendation to bring the merchant's licensing fee for restaurants in line with other businesses. Gant said restaurants have been charged a maximum of \$100 annually, while other businesses are charged based on their annual sales volume.

▶ OUTDOOR LIFE

Military exercise inspires family pastime, business

Thomas builds Shoal Creek recreation area

By CHRISTINA WATKINS
ADVERTISING MANAGER

For retired Lt. Col. Guy Thomas, director of the southwestern region of the Missouri Procurement Assistance Center, a military experience led to a personal pastime—and a family business.

"In 1976, I was ordered to take a group of ROTC students to the Buffalo River for a training exercise, and I have been canoeing ever since," he said.

Throughout all of Thomas' assignments with the Army, he and his family have continued to canoe. They enjoy it so much they began a business with canoeing as the foundation. The Thomas' business is also close to Joplin.

"We've established an outdoor recreational area on Shoal Creek," Thomas said.

Ozark Sunrise Expedition is located south of Joplin on county Highway NN.

The campground is open year-round seven days a week. Thomas, along with his son, Jason, a freshman law enforcement major at Missouri Southern, began building the campground in 1991.

"We opened the raw land in the spring of 1991," Thomas said. "That was a two-year search, trying to find the right land."

He and his family are familiar with the Shoal Creek area, as he was stationed at Southern as an ROTC commander.

"We got the roads in, cleared the land, [and] built picnic tables," he said.

The Thomas family business, Ozark Sunrise Expedition, was officially open.

"We were open for business. We would hammer a few nails and go haul some people upstream,"

Thomas said.

Being a retired member of the military and involved with the small business program at Southern, Thomas is well aware of the need for a game plan.

"We have a five-year business plan," he said. "Last year we put in the latrines (flushing toilets and hot showers). This spring we want to get a half dozen RV (recreational vehicle) pads in."

"Those will have electricity, water and a dump station."

Thomas said that by next fall, a couple of small pavilions may be built.

The land was chosen because of its accessibility, its location on Shoal Creek, and the benefit of well-paved roads.

"I wanted [the campground location] at the terminus of the [boat] trip," Thomas said. "It's for the convenience of the customer."

Thomas said that Ozark Sunrise Expedition offers fun and recreation for the entire family.

"People do swim," he said. "There is a little branch, called Jacob's Branch, that kids like to get into and chase crawdads."

Thomas said the fishing there is the best.

"Fishing is excellent," he said. "The catfish and bass are what people fish for most frequently."

Thomas said mountain biking, moonlight floats, rappelling, navigating by map and compass, crossing streams on rope bridges, or developing wilderness and camping survival skills also are available and taught by experienced teachers who are usually retired Army personnel.

"What we tried to do was be more than just a canoe place," he said.

Persons wishing more information or to make reservations may call (417) 782-5272.

It's 'Tax Day!'



Lines at the Joplin branch of the United States Post Office will likely continue to grow throughout the day as taxpayers rush to meet today's deadline. Postal officials said they do not anticipate major problems.

By JOSEPH BOWDEN
CHART REPORTER

It may not seem like a year has passed since the last tax day, but today is April 15 and the tax man cometh.

Internal Revenue Service and U.S. Postal Service officials say that despite their best efforts taxpayers procrastinate. The result is a flood of last-minute filings that send postal workers scrambling.

Stan Whatley, superintendent of postal operations for the Joplin area, said things should go smoothly.

"I don't anticipate any problems with the extra amount of mail," he said. "We are well-equipped to meet the need for fast, accurate service that customers demand this time of year."

"We have never had any difficulty handling the amount of mail that must be processed, and we don't anticipate any problems in the future."

Meeting the April 15 deadline

Joplin postal officials are taking steps to ensure that returns will be processed as quickly as possible. Two contract stations have been established within the Joplin area. These contract stations allow individuals who are unable to utilize the collection receptacles available at either postal branch to drop off their returns there and still receive the April 15 postmark.

These receptacles will be set up in front of Dillon's Supermarket, 1402 E. 20th Street, and Consumer's Market, 710 Maiden Lane.

"Returns must be dropped off at these locations by 9 p.m. to receive the April 15 postmark," Whatley said.

The post office also plans to use additional personnel to handle the anticipated flow of returns to the north Main Street branch.

"Additional persons will be needed to operate the canceling machine, collect mail from established receptacles, and hand cancel delivered returns," Whatley said.

Postal officials say there are four essential facts to remember to ensure a return will reach the IRS in time:

• If possible, use the pre-metered envelope provided in the tax instruction booklet. This envelope allows the post office to process returns more efficiently because it is pre-addressed to the IRS.

• Make sure the envelope has the proper postage attached or the IRS cannot process the return.

• Place returns in collection receptacles by April 15 to avoid interest and penalties.

• In order to be considered "on time," returns must be postmarked by 11:59 p.m. on April 15.

In order to help taxpayers meet the deadline, there are several methods other than the traditional paper return by which persons may file their returns. These filing options include electronic, computerized, and

1040

Where to get free tax assistance:



Call 1-800-829-1040 for the following kinds of information:

■ Answers to questions about completing your return; assistance is available Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ Locations of volunteers who give tax assistance and counseling to the elderly.

Call 1-800-829-4477 or check your tax package for a local number for these Tele-Tax services:

■ Recorded information on 140 topics, such as earned income tax credit and electronic filing.

■ When your refund check will be mailed.

Source: Internal Revenue Service

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TeleFile.

How can taxpayers file their taxes?

When filing an electronic return, taxpayers take their information to a tax preparer or a prepared form to an approved tax transmitter which will send the return via computer to the IRS. Electronic filing is available in all 50 states and may get returns to taxpayers more quickly.

Computerized filing allows taxpayers to use their personal computers and tax preparation software to prepare the return. The software prints out the return which can be mailed in or taken to a tax transmitter.

TeleFile files returns via telephone. Currently, TeleFile is available only to 1040EZ filers in Ohio, where the method is being tested.

How long will this take?

According to IRS estimates, the average taxpayer spends more than 10 hours preparing a return using form 1040. The breakdown is:

• Record keeping—Three hours, eight minutes.

• Learning about the law or the form—two hours, 42 minutes.

• Preparing the form—Three hours, 37 minutes.

• Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS—49 minutes.

[Editor's note: The Chart Senior Editor T.R. Hanrahan contributed to this story.]

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City Briefs

Registration deadline today

Today is the last day to register for the eighth annual Missouri State Historic Preservation Conference to be held tomorrow through Sunday in Carthage.

The conference—"Victorian Missouri, a Celebration"—will feature Roger W. Moss and Gail Casey Winkler, co-authors of Victorian Interior Decoration and Victorian Exterior Decoration. Moss will present programs on "Painting the Town Victorian" and on artificial lighting. Winkler will discuss wall coverings.

The fee for the conference is \$40 per person. The fee includes a reception and tour of four historic homes, dinner, and a tour of Precious Moments in Carthage. A dinner and Victorian ball are scheduled for Saturday.

The event is co-sponsored by the state Department of Natural Resources and Victorian Carthage, Inc. For more information, persons may call 358-0636.

St. John's to offer CPR class

A course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the Heimlich maneuver will be offered May 4 at St. John's Regional Medical Center in Joplin. The course will be held from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in

the 4-West classroom. The fee will be \$15 per person. For registration information, persons may call 625-2000.

Crowder to host hitting clinic

Area youths will get a chance to up their batting averages this weekend.

A hitting clinic, given by the Crowder College baseball team, is slated for Sunday afternoon at Morse Park in Neosho.

The clinic will begin at 1 p.m. and is for players ages 7-15. The cost is \$20 with proceeds being divided between Crowder and the Neosho Little League.

For more information, persons may contact Debbie Cotton at (417) 451-6329 or Jack Macy at (417) 451-5428.

These games are special

The Olympic spirit is coming to Hughes Stadium on April 23.

Close to 1,000 developmentally disabled youth and adults will participate in the annual Area V Special Olympics Track and Field Games. The games will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the events. Interested persons may call Pam White at 782-7433.

TENNIS

'Busy' week on tapBy DAVID BURNETT
STAFF WRITER

The Lady Lion netters defeated Drury College Monday 7-2, to finish the week 2-1 in match play.

The only loss came to undefeated Washburn University 8-1, the other came against Emporia State University 6-3. Southern's record now stands at 5-7 in match play.

Strong performances by Emily Blackwell of late have helped to spark the Lady Lions. Blackwell has won her last three singles matches, including the only win at Washburn, and with the assistance of Diane Hoch has won two of three doubles matches.

"Coach (Georgina Bodine) has really helped me improve my forehand," Blackwell said. "That's probably the biggest adjustment I've made."

Blackwell is happy with her recent singles play, but realizes that when teamed with Hoch, their doubles team is going to be very hard to beat in the MIAA conference tournament.

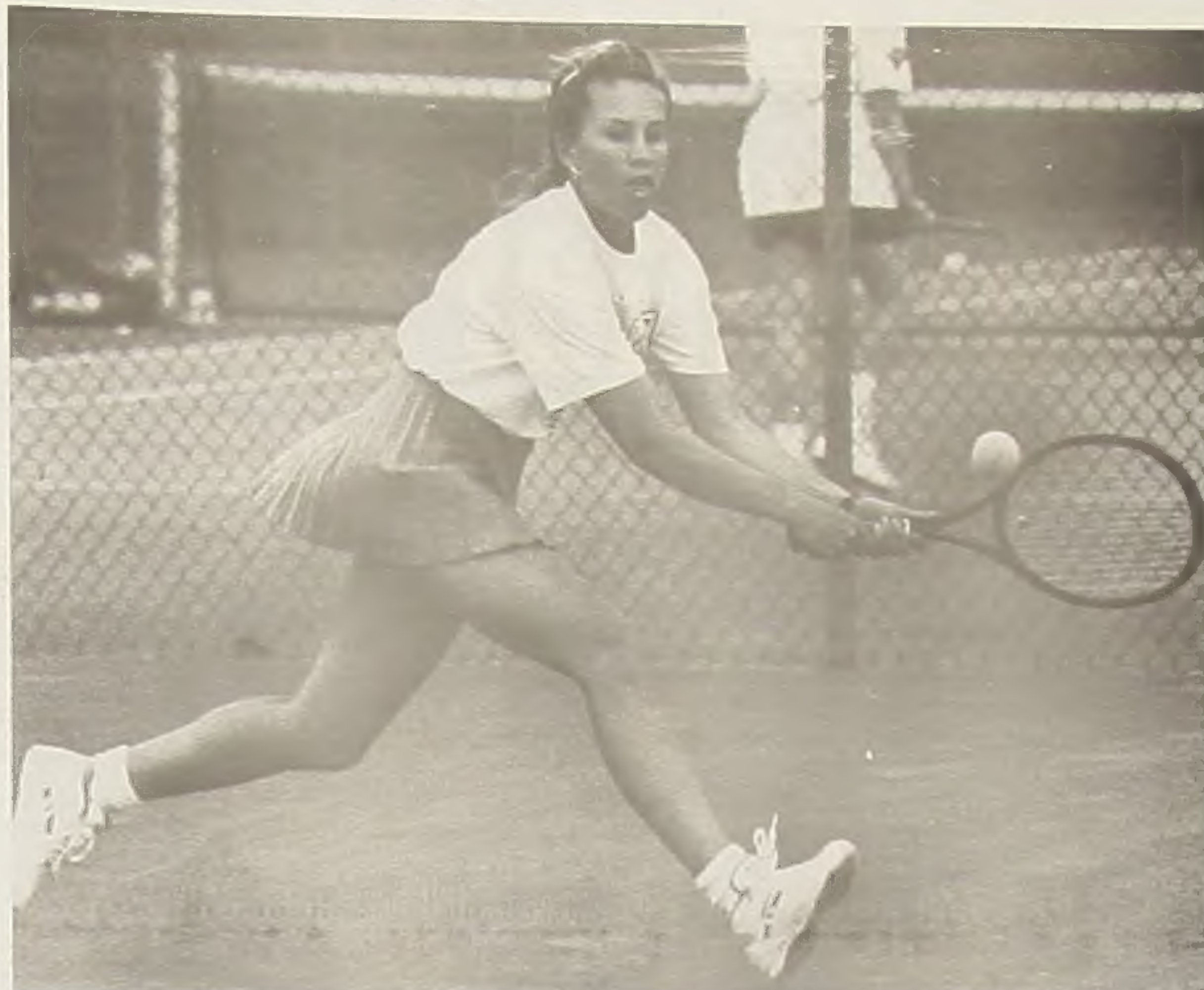
"We have been playing very well all year," Blackwell said.

Junior Jill Fisher came away a winner in singles, and in doubles with her partner Ali "Pepper" Fisher.

"Jill's serve was working well, she had an overall good day," Bodine said.

Southern will play four matches this week. Saturday they travel to the University of Missouri—St. Louis for matches against UMSL and Southwest Baptist University. The Lady Lions then return Monday for their last home match against Oral Roberts University.

"We're going to be very busy this week. But conference is right around the corner so the work will be good for us," Bodine said.

TAKING IT DOWN THE LINE

T. ROB BROWN/The Chart

Junior business major Jill Fisher lunges to return a ball in a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Drury College at home on Monday. Southern won the match 7-2.

► GOLF

Hot Lions travel to Western todayBy DAVID BURNETT
STAFF WRITER

The golf team did not play this week, but spent their time practicing for the upcoming Missouri Western Invitational, which begins today. There will be 22 teams at the tournament.

"This is going to be a good measure of where we stand as a team," said head coach Bill Cox.

The Lions spent the past week in

what Cox calls "specialized training."

"What we do is break down each player's weakness and then concentrate on improving that area," Cox said. "A golfer needs to be strong at all three main areas of putting, pitching, and the long game."

The Lions have been red hot the last two tournaments finishing first and second respectively.

The second place finish would have been a first place finish, if a Southern player had not signed a

incorrect score card. The mistake cost the Lions four penalty strokes, which ended up being the margin of difference.

"A mistake was made, but it's over now and we put it behind us," Cox said. "We turn negatives into learning experiences and mature from them."

The Lions are putting up some very low scores and Cox is excited about the MIAA conference tournament.

"We are aiming for the confer-

ence championship. That has been our goal and it's a real possibility if we continue playing the way we are capable," Cox said.

This year's team includes two seniors, Jon Anderson and Chris Claassen, who are looking forward to the postseason MIAA Tournament and the NCAA Division II National Tournament.

"Our team is playing really tough. We've got the rest of the conference scared," Anderson said.

► TRACK AND FIELD

Team splits up for weekend events**Ramsey, Williams go to Kansas, rest of team competes at CMSU**By P.J. GRAHAM
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Despite several injuries to hold them back, the Lions and Lady Lions track and field team is splitting up this week to compete in two events.

Head coach Tom Rutledge said two athletes, freshman Jason Ramsey and senior Debbie Williams, are competing in the University of Kansas Relays which started yesterday and will continue through Sunday. Today, Ramsey will compete in his second day of

the decathlon event. Williams will compete in the 400 and 800 meter events tomorrow and Saturday.

Meanwhile, the rest of the team will attend the Central Missouri State University Mule Relays for an important "check-out" of the field. The MIAA Championships, on April 22-24, will also be held at CMSU.

"It will give us a chance to perform on their track," Rutledge said. "And it (The Mule Relays) is a very competitive meet."

This weekend will also be a testing ground, Rutledge said. Scott Tarnowiecky, who has had an

injury, will be tried out at the meet. Four other athletes are currently plagued by injuries: Carlos Haley, Shelly Rose, Renee Artherton, and Tongula Givens. Rutledge said Rose and Artherton are currently "very questionable" and that Givens is "working through her foot injuries."

At last Friday's home meet, the MSSC Crossroads Invitational, Givens competed in the triple jump—in which she missed first place only by 3/4 of an inch. She also placed second the 200 meters and ran in the relay race.

Williams also continued her strong streak by taking first in the 800 meters and by anchoring the winning 400 meter relay team.

► SOFTBALL

Lady Lions win three; tie PSU for first place**Team takes 27-8 record to Western Tourney tomorrow**

The Lady Lions completed a three-game sweep Tuesday with a 2-1 victory over the University of Missouri-St. Louis to improve its MIAA Conference record to 9-1 and a tie with Pittsburg State University.

Missouri Southern enhanced its overall record to 27-8. The Lady Lions opened the day with a three-inning 10-0 victory over

Lincoln University. Southern also defeated Missouri-Rolla 8-0 in the second game.

The games were played at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar after rain forced cancellations at Lincoln's field in Jefferson City.

Southern will travel to St. Joseph to compete in the Missouri Western Tournament tomorrow and Saturday. In the tournament, it will face conference foes Northwest Missouri State University, Emporia State University, and Central Missouri State University.

► BASEBALL

Lions enter final week with shot at MIAA 1stBy T.R. HANRAHAN
SENIOR EDITOR

With post-season play a virtual certainty, the baseball Lions have set their sights on hosting the MIAA playoffs.

Currently, Missouri Southern has a firm grip on second place in the MIAA South Division with a 10-3-1 conference record, just a percentage point behind the University of Missouri-St. Louis which stands at 10-3. The remaining schedule, however, favors the Lions in the hunt for the right to host the games. Southern will face Lincoln University this weekend while UMSL will play third-place Pittsburg State University.

"I think Pittsburg State has a good ball club," said Warren Turner, Lions head coach. "If they could win some ball games [this weekend] we could have a shot at it."

Despite the lure of hosting the playoffs, Turner said Southern needs to keep focused on the present.

"We've gotta win first to get in the thing, then we can think about hosting it," he said. "We've gotta take care of ourselves."

"We can't win it (South Division) until we get in the playoffs."

Turner will go with two of the Lions' top three starters against the Blue Tigers. Rick Lapka will get a rest after injuring his elbow during Southern's sweep of PSU last weekend.

"I don't know exactly when he hurt it," Turner said. "But we'll go with Matt Auer, Tod Casper, and either Curry or Hill."

Offensively, Turner said he hopes the hitting that produced 40 runs during the weekend series against PSU will continue.

"I hope everyone gets hot," he said.



CHAD HAYWORTH

Good guys don't always finish last

Chalk one up for the Good Guys.

Wide receiver Rod Smith got his senior season returned to him last week, despite the best efforts of the system to screw him out of it.

When Smith went down in September, I, like many others said "stick a fork in him. He's done."

It's not that I didn't have confidence in Smith's abilities to recoup or the sports medicine people to help him out.

I just think the NCAA sucks.

It's an organization that seems to lose touch with reality on a regular basis. Much has been done to reform the NCAA after the the 1980s. The decade of decadence left the organization reeling. (You know, Oklahoma Sooners football, UNLV basketball, Norm Stewart's "Detroit Connection.") While the intent of reform was good, the results have been negligible at best.

You can't legislate morality, and those who choose to cheat, will. Plain and simple. The relentless pursuit to rid collegiate athletics of darker elements has had negative effects on those who are just trying to get a fair shake.

At least most of the time. Smith, I'm afraid, is the exception to the rule. He got shafted out of his senior season, his moment in the sun, by a cheap shot by a Central Missouri State University player.

But that's all in the past, I suppose. Smith returns to the gridiron for what I'm sure will be a spectacular season. Couple him with senior quarterback Matt Cook, who also returns from injury, and the Lions have a quarterback/receiver combination that is easily the class of the MIAA.

I am excited about football for the first time since Missouri Southern's season mercifully ended last November.

File this one under "B," for Blatantly Stupid.

Two weeks ago, The Chart ran a staff editorial suggesting the faculty and staff at Southern should not be given raises, in light of the College's budgetary woes. I wrote a sports column that same week wishing for someone to kick in some money for improvements to Joe Becker Stadium and Lea Kungie Field.

Well, early the next week, we received an anonymous letter from a faculty/staff type person with both aforementioned articles attached. Beside the staff editorial was the usual whining and crying about how little people get paid around here.

Boo-hoo.

Now normally, I would have just ignored this gutless piece of drivel, if it weren't for the comments next to the column of Yours Truly.

"Question," the note asked. "Why does MSSC have such nice track and field facilities when they don't even have a track team?"

Question. How dumb are you?

Southern has had a track team for three years. And they do very well, thank you very much.

It galls me to no end when people say "Oh, we're broke. Let's cut the athletic budget."

Give me a break, I would venture the athletic department helps more people come to Southern than any other on campus. Athletes are also held to higher academic standards than say, sports columnists. (But they don't work harder.)

A final thought for the anonymous letter writer. Either sign your name next time or don't bother. I don't have time for people who won't stand behind what they say.

GRAND SLAM

T. ROB BROWN/The Chart

Southern junior transfer Ryan Lauderdale strokes an inside-the-park grand slam home run during the Lions' 15-5 victory Saturday over Pittsburg State. Lauderdale's home run was his first as a Lion.

